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It is high time the Government's case against Microsoft was settled. To continue this protracted litigation against Microsoft is a waste of taxpayer dollars and a major contribution to the legal profession who control far too much in America and represent competitors who want a bigger piece of the pie without earning it through competitive effort.

The State Attorney Generals are no more than a vested interest group seeking to transfer wealth from a creative, productive enterprise and its shareholders to the legal profession and causes espoused by them. Look what has happened in the tobacco settlement - the enormous funds extracted from tobacco companies ostensibly to be used in programs aimed at reducing teen smoking habits has instead been used by most states to balance state budgets. Where is the integrity and fairness in that - and at what cost in legal fees. Why doesn't government stand up to the legal profession and control excessive fees paid in this type of litigation?

Throw out the States case and let Microsoft get back to participating in the resurgence of our damaged economy.

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